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The USA's most celebrated murder mystery is going to trial and TV viewers can watch it live.

The Trial of the Century: The United States v. Lee Harvey Oswald will air on Court TV Aug. 10-11. The trial of the accused killer of President John F. Kennedy is being presented by the American Bar Association as part of its annual meeting.

"It is based on real evidence," says Court TV vice president Merrill Brown. "There are some very serious people doing some very serious work."

Trial lawyers and federal and state judges will participate. Actors will portray Oswald, his wife, Marina, and some witnesses. The ABA will also use state-of-the-art evidence technology, which Brown says "may shed new light" on the assassination.

Oswald's personal life will also be under the microscope this fall in an NBC miniseries about Marina.

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